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DEPORTED ALIENS SENTENCED FOR RETURNING TO UNITED STATES

ICE Dallas and U.S. Attorney's Office Team Up to Remove Criminal Aliens from Streets

United States Attorney Richard B. Roper announced that the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and his office have teamed up to prosecute six criminal aliens that had been previously deported. The defendants were convicted on illegal reentry after removal from the United States, a felony carrying a maximum statutory penalty of 20 years imprisonment. All defendants had previously been convicted of aggravated felonies.

Recently sentenced:

- Carlos Rayo-Mojica, 32, was sentenced to 51 months imprisonment. Rayo was born in Acilia, Mexico.
- Cresencio Cardoza-Lira, 39, was sentenced to 48 months imprisonment. Cardoza was born in Michoacan, Mexico.
- Mauricio Villa-Gama, 27, was sentenced to 77 months imprisonment. Villa was born in Mexico City, Mexico.
- Gumaro Vigil-Rodriguez, 30, was sentenced to 57 months imprisonment. Vigil was born in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. He has been deported back to Mexico three times.
- Jose Luis Rios-Casio, 33, was sentenced to 44 months imprisonment. Rios was born in Zacatecas, Mexico.
- Rigoberto Gonzalez-Esquivel, 28, was sentenced to 60 months imprisonment. Gonzalez was born in Guerrero, Mexico, and has been removed four times from the United States under three different names – two deportations and two voluntary removals.

Nuria Prendes, field office director for ICE Dallas Detention and Removal Operations said, "Our ongoing partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Office and these sentences demonstrate our commitment to enforcing immigration laws." Ms. Prendes continued, "These significant criminal penalties demonstrate that removal from the United States is not simply a revolving door. Those who persist in violating our immigration laws will face the full force of criminal penalties."

Suspicious immigration activity may be reported to ICE through its 24-hour toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE.

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